

Adjectives

Adjectives add extra detail to or modify nouns.

Adjectives may be placed before a noun: The **tall**, **thin**, **freckled** woman went to her car.

Adjectives can also be placed after verbs: She was **vicious** and **rude**.

1. *Make a list of words to fill the spaces below in the description. You may want to use a thesaurus.*

Leaning back in a _____ chair sat Professor McLean, a plump, red-faced man with a shiny, _____ head and _____, beady eyes. He wore a _____ shirt, covered by a _____ waistcoat over _____ trousers. Although he had a _____ book in his hands, he didn't seem to ever read, but peered over it watching the world.

2. *Make a list of words to fill the spaces below in the description of the trees. You may want to use a thesaurus.*



The _____ trees stood majestically in the forest. They looked like _____ giants. The branches were _____ and looked like _____. The _____ sky with _____ clouds overhead made the _____ of the trees stand out even more.

When a number of adjectives are used together to describe a noun they appear in a particular order: In the window was a **gorgeous**, **long**, **black** dress.

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3. *Choose the adjectives from the box below to fill in the blanks. Make sure that the passage as a whole makes sense.*

She was a _____ _____ _____ hag with a moustache on her upper lip and a mouth as _____ as a _____ gooseberry. Her apron was _____ and _____. Her blouse had bits of breakfast all over it, toast crumbs and tea stains, as well as splotches of dried egg-yolk. It was her hands, however, that disturbed us the most. They were _____. They were _____ with dirt and grime.

old	disgusting	brown	long	skinny	transparent	huge	big	black		
small	sour	green	fine	greasy	deep	grey	long	caterpillar	dirty	torn
appalling	filthy	dirty	stained	short	tall	stooped	tiny	giant	aged	

Challenge: How did you decide which adjectives to use and where to place them?